

situation where people get into public office and put themselves on a self imposed pedestal thinking that the public has no input and no worthwhile knowledge on any issue and they will run the county or any other organization the way that they best see fit. That is what we are talking about here and now we are saying OK, the legislature friends are going to "let you off the hook" by letting you have the legality of setting an a...a...new salary today. Ladies and gentlemen, this is an important issue, not just the issue but it is the principle involved in these things. I'm not going to belabor the point I would only say that go back to how they set that salary. It was not on the agenda, no there were about a dozen items, but not on the agenda. They didn't take it up at the regular Tuesday meeting, no, they didn't do that. They had a special meeting on Thursday, the day before the salaries were raised. Quote to talk about salaries of Douglas County officials, not just one mention of anyone that I have talked to or for the record regarding county board salaries, it was all for the assessor, the register of deeds, etc. Friday at 3:00 they without any public forewarning raised their own salaries. They have done this on several occasions. That is why I am asking the legislature to remove the privilege of the Douglas County board to establish their own salaries. You are right, it is politics, and it is time that these things were brought to light and it is not just the \$15,000 a year, there is a principle here that is very important. So I would ask that 646 be amended to strike the Carpenter Amendment and then Senator Kime, Senator Kime....I will certainly support the bill across the board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Now the question is shall LB646 then be returned to Select File for the specific purpose of striking the Carpenter amendment. If you are in favor of returning the bill, vote aye, if not vote no. This is the motion to return 646 to return it only. Then we will take up the Snyder amendment which would strike the Carpenter amendment of the other day. Question is shall 646 be returned to Select File for the specific amendment?

SENATOR SNYDER: I would like to have a record vote on both of those points.

PRESIDENT: OK, Senator Snyder is asking for a record vote on the return of the bill. Senator Snyder's motion is to return 646 to Select File to strike the Carpenter amendment of the other day. If you are in favor of returning the bill vote aye, if not vote no. Chair is going to inquire, have you all voted? Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, I'm going to ask for a call of the house.

PRESIDENT: OK, Clerk will clear the board. Senator Snyder is asking for a call of the house. Next bell please indicate your presence....excuse me, next bell please indicate your support for a call of the house. This is the motion for a call of the house. Senator Snyder has asked for the call. Senator Snyder is asking for a call of the house. Senator Snyder's motion is for a call of the house. Have you all voted? Motion is for a call of the house.

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